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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 31, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 30, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5 and 20-28 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 6-19 and 29-38 have been canceled without prejudice.

Election/Restrictions

Claims 1-38 stand restricted under U.S.C. 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-5 and 20-28, drawn to a method and computer-readable medium for exchanging information via annotation, which concludes with providing an interface element allowing the user to expand the scope of the annotation, classified in class 707, subclasses 1,3,4, and 100.
- II. Claims 6-13, drawn to a method of exchanging information, which concludes with storing the annotation with a reference to the entity, classified in class 707, subclasses 1, 3, and 4.
- III. Claims 14-19, drawn to a method of accessing data, which concludes with providing an indication of the annotation associated with the entity, classified in class 707, subclass 3.
- IV. Claims 29-38, drawn to a system for sharing information via annotations, comprising model entity definitions and concludes with create an annotation for a data object selected from the query results and associate the annotation with a first model entity encompassing a field related to the selected data object, classified in class 707, subclasses 1,3,4, and 100.

Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-5 and 20-28) for examination.

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CONCLUSION

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,


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